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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF
JUSTICE JUDITH D. McCONNELL AS CHAIRPERSON AND
JUDGE FREDERICK P. HORN AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Commission announces the election of Justice Judith D. McConnell as Chairperson of the Commission and Judge Frederick P. Horn as Vice-Chairperson, at its meeting on March 22, 2011.

Justice Judith D. McConnell has served as the Administrative Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District since 2003, and as Associate Justice from 2001 to 2003. From 1978 to 1980 she was a judge of the San Diego Municipal Court, and from 1980 to 2001 she was a judge of the San Diego Superior Court where she served two terms as presiding judge. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was in private law practice in San Diego. She also worked for the California Department of Transportation. Justice McConnell received her law degree from the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1969 and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa. She served as a member and vice-chair of the Judicial Council Task Force on Jury System Improvement from 1998 to 2003, and as chair of the Task Force on Judicial Ethics Issues from 2003 to 2004. In 1999, she was the first recipient of the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award presented by the State Bar of California, and in 2000 was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council. Justice McConnell was appointed to the Commission in March 2005 and served as vice-chairperson from March 2007 to March 2009 when she was elected chair.

Judge Frederick P. Horn has been a judge of the Orange County Superior Court since 1993 and was a judge of the Orange County Municipal Court, Harbor Judicial District, from 1991 to 1993. From 2002 to 2006, he served as presiding judge of the Orange County Superior Court. He received his law degree from the University of West Los Angeles in 1974, where he wrote for and served as staff on the Law Review. Judge Horn was the chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee of the California Judicial Council from 2002 to 2006. He is also a member of the faculty of the Judicial College and the New Judge Orientation Program, and is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Continuing Judicial Studies Program. He was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council for 2004-2005. Judge Horn served as the Commission's chairperson in 2007 and 2008 and as its vice-chairperson in 2005 and 2006.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Hon. Judith D. McConnell of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, in San Diego, California.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web site at www.cjp.ca.gov.